art, culture, travel, tourism, etc. In response about 100 proposals have been received.

(c) Prasar Bharati has intimated that an amendment to the earlier notification under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, was issued on 4.2.2002, making DD Bharati a Channel, to be carried by all cable operators in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal.

Family Courts

391. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of family courts set up by the states and the Union Territories as on 28th February, 2002, under the Family Courts Act, 1984;

(b) the total number of cases pending before family courts in the country, State-wise; and

(c) how his Ministry is persuading the State Governments to establish more and more family courts to resolve the family disputes?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) As per available information, 85 Family Courts have been set up as on 28th February, 2002 by the State and Union Territories under the Family Courts act, 1984.

(b) A statement showing State-wise pendency of cases before family courts is enclosed (*see* below).

(c) Periodically the Central Government has been persuading the State Governments and Union Territories to establish more and more Family Courts to resolve the family disputes. Further, subject to approval of Parliament, funds have been proposed to the States in Budget Estimates 2002-2003 for setting up of Family Courts in the States.

Statement

Pendency of cases in Family Courts

Name of the State	Pendency of cases
Andhra Pradesh	4460
Assam	833
Bihar	1394
Gujarat	4994
Jammu & Kashmir	497
Jharkhand	2314
Karnataka	7805
Kerala	20017
Maharashtra	18213
Manipur	NA
Orissa	3585
Rajasthan	6665
Sikkim	89
Tamil Nadu	7188
Uttar Pradesh	33300
Uttaranchal	384
West Bengal	629
Pondicherry	430
TOTAL	1,12,797

Amendment to Representation of People Act

392. DR. Y. LAKSHMI P \SAD:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring forward legislation to amend the Representation of the People Act to provide for proxy voting for armed forces personnel serving in far-flung areas of the country; and

(b) the other details in this regard?